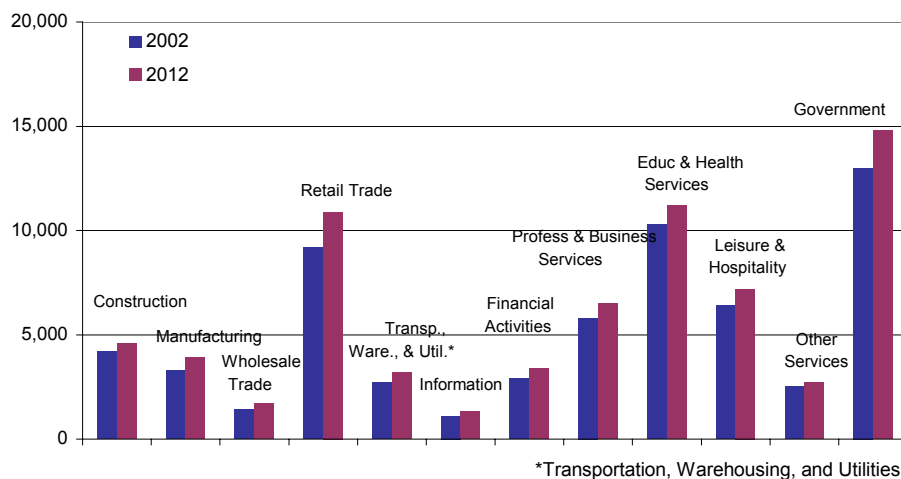


Shasta County Projection Highlights

Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Shasta County is expected to grow at nearly 1.3 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. The growth rate projected for Shasta is slightly below at the growth in California as a whole, which is expected to grow at about 1.8 percent annually. This growth will add 8,500 new jobs and bring Shasta's employment to almost 72,000 by 2012. Over 60 percent of nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Trade Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (29%), Government (21%), and Education and Health Services (11%).

Below is a graph of the 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries in Shasta.



Wholesale Trade is the fastest growing major industry sector growing at an annual rate of slightly over 2 percent. Other major industries growing much faster than the overall county average of 1.3 percent are: Retail Trade (1.8%), Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (1.9%), Manufacturing (1.8%), and Information (1.8%).

Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- 8,500 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 15,700 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 24,000 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate approximately 60 percent of all job openings in Shasta County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate nearly 15,000 total job openings. While 68 percent of these occupations are typically lower paying, entry level occupations such as Cashiers, Combined Food Prep & Serving Workers, Retail Salespersons, and Waiters and Waitresses that require a minimum of short-term on-the-job training, higher-skilled and higher paying occupations like Registered Nurse, Teachers, Managers, Carpenters, and Sales Reps are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 2.5 percent or more. Occupations in Education and Health fields make-up a quarter of the top fifty fastest growing occupations. Management/Supervisor jobs hold 22 percent of the fastest growing occupations. Half of the fastest occupations require education beyond high school and average around \$24.00 per hour.

